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**HJR 20 SUBCOMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Feb. 16, 2018

State Capitol, Room 137

Please note: All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.

- 8:30 a.m.** **1. Call to Order -- Roll Call**
Rep. Kathy Kelker, Presiding Officer
- 8:35 a.m.** **2. Topic Terminology**
Rep. Kelker and Sue O'Connell, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division
- 8:50 a.m.** **3. Discussion of Pre-Meeting Reading Materials**
Josh Poulette, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (by phone)
- 9:15 a.m.** **4. Standards for Evaluating Transparency Tools**
Rep. Kelker
- 9:30 a.m.** **5. Panel Discussion: Consumer Needs in Price Transparency**
- a. Peg Hasner, Divisional Vice President of Medicaid Operations, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
 - b. Gary Lusin, Physical Therapist, Bozeman
 - c. Barbara Schneeman, Vice President-Communications and Public Affairs, RiverStone Health, Billings *(by phone)*
 - d. Stacey Anderson, Communications and Public Affairs Manager, Montana Primary Care Association
 - e. Ward VanWichen, CEO, Phillips County Hospital, Malta *(by phone)*
- 10:30 a.m.** **6. BREAK**
- 10:40 a.m.** **7. Subcommittee Questions of Panel Members**
- 11:00 a.m.** **8. Public Comment***
- 11:15 a.m.** **9. Montana Health Information Exchange**
- a. Carol Jones, Director of Financial IT, Billings Clinic
 - b. Dr. Jonathan Griffin, President-Elect, Montana Medical Association

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- NOON** **10. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m.** **11. Demonstration of Price Transparency Websites**
 1:30 p.m. a. Montana Hospital Association Site -- Roberta Yager, MHA Director of Information Services
 2:00 p.m. b. Blue Cross Blue Shield Transparency Tool -- John Doran, Divisional Vice President of External Affairs/Chief of Staff, BCBS Montana
 c. Subcommittee Questions
- 2:15 p.m.** **12. BREAK**
- 2:20 p.m.** **13. Medical Billing**
Clay Fosjord, Director of Patient Financial Services, Billings Clinic
- 2:45 p.m.** **14. Subcommittee Discussion: Key Points to Share with Interim Committee**
- 3:15 p.m.** **15. Public Comment***
- 3:30 p.m.** **16. Preview of Next Meeting**
 a. Outline of Planned Agenda Items -- Rep. Kelker
 b. Subcommittee Requests for Information/Presentations
- 3:45 p.m.** **17. Adjournment**

Questions for Panelists on Consumer Views on Transparency in Pricing

- What do you think consumers want in terms of transparency in pricing?
 - Should health care price transparency concentrate on procedures and surgeries or should it cover the whole range of health care services?
 - Do healthy individuals need different kinds of transparency information than do people with chronic illnesses? How are their medical choices and costs different?
 - What do hospital patients want to know?
 - What do ambulatory patients want to know?
 - Why do you think consumers get “surprise bills” when they have had medical treatments? How can surprise bills be avoided?
 - The research on electronic transparency tools shows that these tools are not used by most consumers and when they are used the consumers aren’t satisfied with the information they get. Why do you think these tools are not helpful for consumers?
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